

ASD Task Force
March 19, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Welcome and Introductions

There was a review and approval of December 2013 meeting minutes.

Minot State Center for Persons with Disabilities provided an update on their activity and their SAND grant.

The Department of Health provided an update on the autism registry. They plan to interview for this position soon.

The Department of Human Services provided an update on waiver, voucher, and conference.

- The waiver is currently being reviewed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS). The goal continues to be for a June transition to the amended waiver.
- The voucher is on target for a July implementation.
- The Autism conference is scheduled for October 2014 in Bismarck. The planning group is working with NDSU and many of the presenters are secured.

The Department of Public Instruction provided an update on the autism guidelines and the Common Core standards.

The task force held a discussion on prioritization of autism waiver services. The approved approach is for those on the current waiver to transition, followed by those that aged-out of the current waiver since November of 2013. This will be followed by those that aged out of the current waiver previously but still within the age of the amended waiver. These children may need to have a new evaluation dependent upon the time frame. Then new applications will be taken first-come-first-serve.

There was a discussion on the 2010 Autism Survey and idea to redo this survey. The SAND grant committee will discuss this idea and report back in June.

There was also discussion on future waiver ideas. Discussion took place on the challenges and benefits of adding slots and/or increasing the age in the waiver.

The group discussed the work done on the ASD plan on March 18th. It was decided that the group that previously did work on the plan will continue. Thereafter, the executive committee (Connie, Carolyn, JoAnne, John) will be tasked for work done between meetings with report back to the task force for decision making.

Public comment taken at each agenda item.

Next meeting will take place on June 30, 2014.